(a) whether it is a fact that no employment opportunity has been generated in the financial services, information technology, retail sector, auto industry, textile industry and real estate sector in the first nine months of the year 2008-09;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that reduction has been made in the employment opportunities in the above industrial sectors during the said period; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Estimates of employment and unemployment are made on the basis of quinquennial surveys conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO). Last such survey (61st round) was conducted in 2004-05. No data is collected by the Central Government on annual/quarterly basis on generation of employment opportunities.

(c) and (d) Ministry of Labour and Employment carried out a sample survey covering 2581 units drawn from 20 centres, covering 11 States/U.Ts to assess the impact of economic slowdown on employment during October-December 2008 in industries/sectors of Mining, Textiles, Metals, Gems and Jewellery, Automobile, Transport and IT/BPO. Decrease in employment has been revealed in all the sectors, except the IT/BPO sector, wherein it has shown a marginal increase (0.55 per cent). Average monthly decline in employment was highest (8.58 per cent) in Gems and Jewellery followed by Transport (4.03 per cent), Automobiles (2.42 per cent), Metals (1.91 per cent), Textiles (0.91 per cent) and Mining (0.33 percent).

Constitution of FIA for terrorist incidents

†*57. SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal to constitute a Federal Investigation Agency (FIA) for investigation of terrorist incidents and taking effective action;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether State Governments have agreed to it?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) to (c) The National Investigation Agency has been constituted under the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008 which was passed by the Parliament after due debate and discussion, for investigation and prosecution of offences affecting the sovereignty, security and integrity of India, security of State friendly relations with foreign states and Acts enacted to implement international treaties, agreements and conventions, falling under the Acts listed in the Schedule to the National Investigation Agency Act, 2008. It would operate in a concurrent jurisdiction framework and take up selected cases.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.